

\$200 BENALLA TO ZIMMERMAN

K. Zimmerman (West Suburban) won the SAHPA \$200 Benalla race from S. Proszowski (North-West) and A. Capel (Hendley and Grange) on Saturday.

The event attracted an entry of 1,478 birds by 221 owners and an ideal race resulted after a 6.30 a.m. release.

The flying time of almost 11 hours gave quality birds in good racing condition the chance to prove themselves, and it also gave others following close behind the leaders the opportunity to reach home in the day — between 20.30 p.m. made it between 5.25 p.m. and dark.

Apart from a few isolated cases, returns during Sunday were normal.

The SAHPA and SAPU raced from Oodnadatta when the leaders reached home on Sunday. The P.A.A. winner for F. Morris was clocked at about 6.15 a.m. to bolt away from the rest and another good performance was recorded by M. Solly to clock at 14.30 for Harbor in just over 14 hours.

R. Fullgrave won the South Federation race and the Union's event went to R. Burford.

Rare Bird

E. Brocklebank's bird which got home to Elizabeth last Sunday from Tasmania is a rare

Pigeon Notes

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one, and it will not be until most of the entrants in similar events have the same ability that a successful race will eventuate.

Few and far between, pigeons like this one are the only birds which should be allowed to compete — it is up to organisers and owners to see that pigeons lacking the credentials are left at home.

Retarded by those unwilling to face up to the task, the few good ones expend too much energy needed to get them home in reasonable time.

Longer races than the Burnie-Elizabeth event are flown each year; the most difficult part of this race was the water crossing.

Years ago Tasmanian birds capable of crossing Bass Strait were few, but since pigeons with the genetical base needed were obtained, races across the Strait have proved successful.

The ordinary racer is simply not good enough, and before any similar venture is made again, it is important for the good of the sport that every bird accepted is qualified and all steps have been taken to ensure its success.

Chairman Transferred

S.A.H.P.A. chairman, Colin Nelsen, will move to Melbourne early next month.

Transferred to Victoria by his employer, Mr. Nelsen's services will be lost to the Association for many years. Apart from the chairmanship, Mr. Nelsen is release officer and one of the five S.A.H.P.A. trustees.

After devoting most of his lifetime to the administrative side of the sport, his knowledge of all angles in relation to pigeon racing has done much to keep the sport at its present high level.

His many contributions have been appreciated by those who, over many years, have worked with him on the various committees. There is no doubt that his transfer will leave a gap very difficult to fill.

Men of Mr. Nelsen's ability and eagerness to work hard are too few for his absence not to be a great loss to S.A. pigeon racing.

Results:—

Benalla

S.A.H.P.A. (221, 1438) — K. Zimmermann 1159, S. Proszowski 1156, A. Capel 1155, R. Nicholson 1154.04, A. Tieske 1154.02, K. Watts 1152, J. Kingsley 1150, L. Pitt 1147, F. Fraser 1146.3, Lloyd and Sawford 1146.2, M. Bird (two birds) 1144.7, F. Fraser 1144.16, A. Nelsen 1144.14, F. Fraser 1144, F. Fraser 1143.2, G. Buckley 1140, T. Daly 1137, J. Todd 1135, Lloyd and Sawford 1134 — subject to check.

Shorter distance flights at about 4.54 p.m. Lloyd and Sawford's winner was clocked at Semaphore at about 5.13 p.m. to defeat F. Fraser's second prizewinner timed at about 5.7 p.m. Returns in the day did not amount to 40 p.c.

Liberated into a stiff headwind at Oodnadatta, about 200 of 1,022 birds representing the Union and Combine returned to the release point half an hour later. Consequently a patchy race resulted with the Union's winner clocked by E. and N. Hawkes (Oaklands) at about 9.30 a.m. Sunday.

Arrivals were few and far between — the third prize-winner was timed at about 10.50 a.m. and it was reported that not many over 100 of the 548 were home by Sunday night.

One owner with more than 50 entries had a return of about 6 p.c. The winner of the Combine's event for M. Hatherly (Stirling) reached Adelaide at about 11.12 p.m. L. Thamm (River-side) with two arrivals, together finished second and third.

Results:—

Maryborough

S.A.H.P.A. (241, 3785) — Lloyd and Sawford 3721, F. Fraser 3720, F. Boren 3711, H. Ford 3705, J. Budas 3704, C.

North-East (14, 119) — Thede and Heuchan 10.32.23, L. Todd 10.32.38, B. J. Simons 10.35.22, Strathalbyn (10.52) — E. Dugmore and son 11.12.0, Hart Bros. 11.29.6, T. Hains 11.40.38.

Oodnadatta

P.A.A. (21, 251) — F. Morris 1224, L. Thamm 1079, L. Thamm 1065, R. Judd 1050.9, A. Thompson 1050.2.

South Fed. (27, 150) — R. Fullgrave 14.39.37, T. Lerner 14.38.10, F. Glaser 15.0.5.

Woodville (18, 156) — E. Hese 14.28.41, W. Richardson and on 14.29.49, B. Hocking 14.32.52, Victor Harbor (6, 23) — M. Solly 14.5.43, E. Evans 18.1.35, J. Grosvenor 19.1.57, Stirling (9, 40) — L. Hart 15.15.11, J. Pearson 15.27.5, H. Fuller 15.29.9, Sth.-West Jun. (3, 21) — Goodrick Bros. A.

Ashbee, J. Lloyd, — R. Burford 1094, R. Wickham 1089, S. Mitchell and Son 1088, 9. Warren Moyle and Son 1088, Warren Moyle and Son 1087, D. Petherbridge 1081.3, Warren Moyle and son 1081.4, Brook-pec 1083.5, R. Watson 1083.3, Warren Moyle and Son 1083.2.

Country 14/9/68

Kadina (two races) From Maryborough derby, 401 miles (12, 121) — G. Smith and Son 1070, M. Roberts 1066, G. Smith and Son 1047, From Barton one-bird limit, 382 miles, G. Hollands, D. Rule and Son, G. Smith and Son have now won nine races on the southern route.

Angaston. From Maryborough, 325 miles (7.50) — A. Fairley 10.9.11, M. Fairly 11.33.47, L. Parish 13.25.22.

Whyalla (two races). From Cook, 450 miles (14.86), M. Mills 1167, C. Reese 1166, M. Raymond and Son 1163, From Keith 265 miles (14.80) — A. Elliott and Son 1055, G. Mills 1053, P. Willard 1052.

Renmark. From Ararat, 250 miles (9.40) — R. Bond and Son clocked only arrival — repeat of previous race from Ararat when only one bird returned.

Maunt Gambier (two races). From Broken Hill, 408 miles (15.77) — J. Roberts 1134.3, A. Wilson 1134.4, A. Walters 1133, From Bendigo, 206 miles (8, 39) — W. Harvey, W. Harvey, L. Oally.

Clare. From Oodnadatta derby, 473 miles (6, 48) — J. Lane 1002, R. Hocking 952, A. Gerreau 912, Trophies by Clare Vale Wineries and R. O. Coles.

Loxton. From Stawell derby, 220 miles (7.42) — A. Bain 975, A. Goldney 956, R. K. Langer 950, trophy by Frank Milton.

Solomontown. From Barton (12, 104) — A. Argent and Co. 1337.3, Argent and Legg 1337.2, G. Benton 1337, trophies by M. Raymond and A. Bryant.

Waikerie. From Port Augusta, 175 miles (8.38) — P. Carter 1188, G. Elliott 1186.6, R. and V. Wake 1186.

Port Pirie H.S. From Hortham, 340 miles (14, 138) — S. Staker and Son 1026.9, A. MacDonald and Son 1026.7, A. MacDonald and Son 1026.6, trophy by M. L. Baillie.

Port Augusta (Flinders H.C.) From Dimboola two bird limit, 366 miles (21, 42) — D. Press 1071, R. Martin 1070, K. Press 1056.

Nairne (6, 51) — F. S. Lloyd 9.24.29, C. Harvey 9.32.9, B. Townsend and Son 9.56.0, Strathalbyn (12.61) — E. Dugmore and Son 9.32.28, K. Biddle and Son 9.34, J. Hart Bros. 9.34.45, North-East (14, 158) — L. Randall 9.28.2, D. Schwarz 9.35.55, B. Lee 10.9.16, Port Elliot (4, 15) — N. Clark 13.24.17, R. Stock 14.4.4, D. Hanna, 14.11.7, G. Galloway (11, 130) — B. Muller 10.24.18, Salisbury — F. Schembri 9.56.49, G. Binnion 10.36.47, A. Devitt 10.16.59, Port Strathalbyn (12, 61) — E. Dugmore and Son 9.33.28, North-East (14, 158) — L. Randall 9.28.2, Port Elliot (4, 15) — N. Clark 13.24.17, Galloway (11, 110) — J. Bering 10.14.22, Salisbury — F. Schembri, 9.56.49.

Oodnadatta

SAPU (53, 546) — E. and N. Hawkes 1.920, L. Proney 1.017, T. Jacobs 945, Arnold and Brown, 943, S. Milton and Son 933, R. McGuire 926, R. Stuart 919, J. McKoeper 911, Arnold and Brown 909, T. Peack 907.

SAHPA (83, 474) — M. Hatherly 934, L. Thamm 926.4, L. Thamm 926, P. Matthews 925, M. Hatherly 912, L. Edwards 908.7, R. Pearson 908.5, A. George 908.26, R. Rosser 908.24, A. Alexander 907, (6, 28) — J. Victor Harbor (6, 28) — J.

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Saturday proved partners Lloyd

Port Pirie H.S. From Hortham, 340 miles (16, 104) — H. Jackson 971, M. Bickley 970, K. Saint 961 — Trophies by H. B. Saint, H. Welch and L. Maynard.

Solomontown. From Barton (12, 134) — A. Argent and Co., Argent and Legg, C. Taylor — Trophies by C. Auriac, G. Phyllis, Mrs. M. Summers and Peterborough H.C.

Clare. From Marree, 298 miles (5, 51) — R. Hocking 1.517, Wilson and Hicks 1.516, J. Lane 1.515 — Trophies by A. E. Smart and Mr. and Mrs. C. Glassbury.

Keith. From Tallebud Bend, 75 miles (7, 42) — Caldicott Bros. 1.482, W. Thiele 1.479, E. Richner 1.454.

Waikerie. From Pimba Derby (8, 33) — A. Boehm 2.236, L. Searle (two birds) 2.129 — good returns.

Port Augusta (Flinders H.C.). From Dimboola, Ladies Bracelet, 366 miles (25, 131) — Frank Granttham 984.3, D. Press 984.7, R. Martin 978.

Loxton. From Hortham, 180 miles (8, 35) — C. Kruger 947, G. Cowan 830, R. Carslake 826.

Renmark. From Ararat Y.B.C., 250 miles (9, 40) — W. Terbest clocked the only arrival.

Anarston. From Bendigo, 345 miles — A. Fairley 12.40.0, R. Thiele 13.25.23, M. Fairley 15.44.21 — Trophy by H. J. Steward.

Whyalla. From Watson, 499 miles (16, 150) — Brady and Grey 1.114, R. Herbert 1.105.7, J. Virgo and Sons 1.105.1 — 60 p.c. return.

S.A. Schoolboys Win At Alice